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From: Weiner, Caleb (BRI) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MASSMAIL-01/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=CALEB.WEINER]
Sent: 8/19/2011 9:12:38 PM
To: Hanchett, James (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MassMail-01/cn=Recipients/cn=James.Hanchett]
Subject: RE: Lab Closure

Jim — I will forward this email to the District Attorney.

On another note, we have a case coming up, [REDACTED] it's an OUI drugs case that you did the analysis on - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] It was originally scheduled for next Wednesday, but it is going to be moved for a number of reasons. Can you give me a sense of your availability in late Sept./early Oct.? This is a priority case and I would like to make sure we are ready.

Thanks,

Caleb

From: Hanchett, James (DPH)
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 8:12 AM
To: Weiner, Caleb (BRI)
Subject: Lab Closure

Hi Caleb,

I attached article from Springfield Republican from 8/19/11. The Amherst Drug Lab will be closed at the end of September. Drug samples will be submitted to our main lab in Jamaica Plain. They currently have a 3 month backlog which will balloon to 6 months with the closing of our lab and the loss of 4 drug chemists. This closing will pose an undo hardship on Police Departments and the Court Systems Massachusetts. We would appreciate any help you, the DA, local Police or your area representatives can give us.

Thanks,

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